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This picture, which was taken about the year 1900, shows the old hotel and livery stable which was located where the Pierce School now stands.

It was built in the year 1839 and consisted of the hotel, a store, barber shop, poolroom and livery stable. There was also a bar room in a separate building back of the hotel.

The picture has a nostalgic atmosphere of the horse and buggy days when that was the only mode of transportation.

One night in April of 1915 it was destroyed by one of the worst fires in the history of Bennington. Some years later the land was obtained by Arthur J. Pierce who had the present school building erected on the same site.

Picture and commentary,
courtesy of
Philip E. Knowles



Annual Reports

of the town of

BENNINGTON

New Hampshire

for the year ending

December 31, 1971



TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

John P. Weston Term Expires Nov. 1972

SELECTMEN

William L. Aldrich Term Expires March 1972
Erving A. LeCain Term Expires March 1973
Roger Magoon Term Expires March 1974

TOWN CLERK

Donald A. Powers Term Expires March 1972

TOWN TREASURER

Dorothy Shea Term Expires March 1972

ROAD AGENT

Sidney Huntington Term Expires March 1972

TAX COLLECTOR

Edward French Term Expires March 1972

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Ann Knight Term Expires March 1972
Eunice W. Blanchard Term Expires March 1973
Ruth A. Cody Term Expires March 1974

COMMISSIONERS OF WATER WORKS

Edward French Term Expires March 1972
Albert Cuddemi Term Expires March 1973
Charles Lindsay Term Expires March 1974

FIRE WARDENS

Charles Zabriskie, Chief Term Expires March 1972
Donald Taylor Term Expires March 1972
Donald Clough Term Expires March 1972

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Charles Zabriskie Term Expires Jan. 1, 1972

DEPUTY WARDENS

Philip Traxler Term Expires Jan. 1, 1973
Sidney Huntington Term Expires Jan. 1, 1973
Edward French Term Expires Jan. 1, 1973
James Wood Term Expires Jan. 1, 1973
Donald Taylor Term Expires Jan. 1, 1973

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Appointed by Moderator for One Year

Paul Cashion Arnold Cernota
James Dodge Philip Knowles Charles Lindsay

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

Philip E. Knowles	Term Expires Nov. 1972
Paul G. Traxler	Term Expires Nov. 1974
Edward French	Term Expires Nov. 1976

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

John P. Weston	Term Expires March 1972
Philip E. Knowles	Term Expires March 1973
Frederick S. Sheldon	Term Expires March 1974

OVERSEER OF POOR

Silvio Zanga	Term Expires March 1972
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JANITOR, TOWN HALL

Paul G. Traxler	Term Expires March 1972
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SEXTON

Fred Hugron	Term Expires March 1972
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CHIEF OF POLICE

Stephen Chase, Jr.	Appointed
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SPECIAL POLICE

John French	James Champagne
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CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Selectmen

SURVEYOR OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Open for Appointment

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Open for Appointment

TOWN PLANNING BOARD

William L. Aldrich, Sr.	Term Expires March 1972
Gordon Bishop	Term Expires March 1972
Charles Lindsay	Term Expires March 1973
Samuel Zachos	Term Expires March 1974
Garnet Mills	Term Expires March 1975

TOWN HALL BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Appointed by the Moderator

Charles Lindsay	Term Expires March 1972
Mrs. Roger Magoon	Term Expires March 1972
Donald Clough	Term Expires March 1973
Gordon Bishop	Term Expires March 1973
Frank Chiesa	Term Expires March 1974
Richard Delay	Term Expires March 1974
Roger Magoon	Term Expires March 1974

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Bennington in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Bennington on Tuesday, the 7th of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.
2. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for highways and bridges.
3. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Class V roads and raise and appropriate money for the same. The Town must raise \$304.68 and the State will contribute \$2,031.23.
4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary in anticipation of taxes.
5. To see what action the Town will take in regard to real estate purchased by the Town for non-payment of taxes.
6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer any balance in the Fire Department appropriation to a Capital Reserve Fund to be used toward the building of a new fire station.
7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$528.00 for the purchase of twelve coats for the Fire Department.
8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$191.00 for the support of the Monadnock Family and Mental Health Service Clinic in Keene.
9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$385.00 to support the services of the Monadnock Community Visiting Nurses Association, Inc.

10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,100.00 to paint one side of the Town Hall and the Town Barn.

1. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate an additional \$6,500.00 for the Town Police budget in order to provide for a full-time professional Police Chief.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the property formerly used as the Town Dump, being the property conveyed to the Town by deed of Guy O. Hollis, dated April 4, 1934, or take any other action relating thereto.

13. To see whether the Town will vote to constitute a committee consisting of the Selectmen and members of the Planning Board to prepare with representatives of any one or more of the Towns of Deering, Francestown and Hancock proposed agreements between the Town and any one or more of such Towns of Deering, Francestown and Hancock providing for use of the solid waste disposal facility (Town Dump) by residents and property owners of such towns, or take any other action in relation thereto.

14. To see if the Town will vote to ratify and confirm the regulations for the operation of the new landfill facility.

15. To see if the Town will vote to become a member of a regional planning commission now proposed to be organized within planning region number 11, as delineated by the Office of State Planning, pursuant to authority conferred by RSA 36:45-53, or take any other action in relation thereto.

16. To see if the Town will vote to adopt an ordinance regulating the keeping of farm animals and poultry as recommended by the committee authorized at the last Annual Town Meeting together with the Selectmen, or to take any other action related thereto.

17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of providing ambulance service to the Town under the provisions of RSA:151-B, or to take any other action related thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to repeal, modify or postpone the application of RSA:151-B passed by the 1971 Legislature related to ambulance service.

19. To see if the Town will vote to recommend to the Selectmen that the use of Town equipment for the maintenance of highways be limited to use for Town purposes, except for such reciprocal arrangements with other towns as are wise and necessary.

20. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Statutory requirements and to carry the articles and appropriations of the School District into effect.

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this tenth day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-two.

William L. Aldrich, Sr.
Erving A. LeCain
Roger Magoon

Selectmen of Bennington

A true copy of Warrant—ATTEST:

William L. Aldrich, Sr.
Irving A. LeCain
Roger Magoon

Selectmen of Bennington

We would also call to the attention of the voters that in accordance with the vote of a prior Town Meeting the articles of the Warrant will be taken up for action at 1:30 P.M. the afternoon of March 7, 1972.

It will be proposed by the Board of Selectmen and Planning Board that consideration of Article 17 requesting an appropriation for the provision of ambulance service be postponed to a Town Meeting at a later date. This will provide the necessary basis for recommendation of action in the event that the Legislature fails to repeal, amend or postpone the application of RSA:151-B. In such an event, it may be possible that action will be necessary in order to adequately provide ambulance service for the community.

TAX YEAR 1971 SUMMARY INVENTORY OF
VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON
IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Certificate

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Date September 16, 1971

Roger Magoon
Erving LeCain
William Aldrich
Selectmen of Bennington

Description of Property	Valuation
Land	\$360,171 00
Buildings	1,108,706 00
Factory Buildings	432,000 00
Public Utilities, Electric	82,080 00
House Trailers, Mobile Homes & Travel	
Trailers Assessed as Personal Property (12)	18,948 00
Boats & Launches (8)	1,950 00
Total Valuation Before	-----
Exemptions Allowed	\$2,003,855 00
Elderly Exemptions (Number 12)	24,180 00
Total Exemptions Allowed	\$24,180 00
Net Valuation on which	-----
Tax Rate is Computed	\$1,979,675 00

ELECTRIC, GAS AND PIPELINE COMPANIES

Name of Company	Electric
Public Service Co. of N.H.	\$82,080 00

Number of Inventories Distributed in 1971	315
Date 1971 Inventories Were Mailed	2-19-71
Number of Inventories Returned in 1971	140

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1971 to 1972 to December 31, 1972. Compared with Estimated and Actual Revenue, Appropriations and Expenditures of the Previous Year January 1, 1970 to December 31, 1971.

Sources of Revenue	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1971	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1971	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1972
From State:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	\$1,500 00	\$2,012 25	\$2,000 00
Savings Bank Tax	750 00	862 31	850 00
Highway Subsidy		2,604 54	5,200 00
Meals and Rooms Tax	2,500 00	2,851 61	2,850 00
Reimbursement a/c Old Age Assistance	225 00	950 22	750 00
From Local Sources:			
Dog Licenses	200 00	296 00	275 00
Business Licenses, Permits and Filing Fees	20 00	14 00	20 00
Rent of Town Hall and and Other Buildings	50 00	79 00	75 00
Interest Received on Taxes & Deposits	500 00	1,280 55	750 00
Income from Trust Funds	800 00	849 88	850 00
Income of Departments:			
Town Truck	1,200 00	1,062 57	1,200 00
Income from Municipal Utilities:			
Water Departments	6,500 00	7,987 85	7,000 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	6,500 00	7,614 04	7,500 00
Gas Tax Refund	75 00	92 84	75 00
Miscellaneous	100 00	191 03	200 00
Reimbursements a/c Business Profits Tax (Town Portion Only)	17,657 00	^a 17,657 00	17,697 00
^a (Portion of total of \$70,799 67 applicable to Town vs School Budget)			
From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
(a) Resident Taxes Retained		1,727 00	1,725 00
(b) National Bank Stock Taxes	7 50	2 50	
(c) Yield Taxes	550 00		
Total Revenues From All Sources Except Prop. Taxes	\$39,134 50	\$48,135 19	\$49,017 00
*Amount to be Raised by Prop. Taxes	\$17,484 79		\$15,462 68
Total Revenues			\$64,479 78

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1971	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1971	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1972
General Government:			
Town Officers' Salaries	\$2,100 00	\$1,920 00	\$2,350 00
Town Officers' Expenses	2,400 00	1,581 99	2,000 00
Election and Registration Expenses	180 00	187 00	450 00
Expenses Town Hall and Other Town Buildings	2,900 00	2,589 94	3,000 00
Protection of Persons and Property:			
Police Department	3,000 00	3,109 67	3,500 00
Fire Department	2,500 00	2,500 00	2,500 00
Moth Exterm.—Blister Rust and Care of Trees	300 00		
Insurance	3,000 00	3,300 75	3,500 00
Damages and Legal Expenses	500 00	187 20	500 00
Health:			
Health Department, Inc. Hospitals and Ambulance	50 00	50 00	50 00
Vital Statistics	30 00	31 00	35 00
Town Dump and Garbage Removal	2,100 00	1,086 00	3,750 00
Highways and Bridges:			
Town Maintenance—Summer	5,000 00	4,584 70	5,250 00
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,500 00	6,020 50	5,750 00
Street Lighting	2,000 00	2,138 05	2,250 00
General Expenses of Highway Department	3,500 00	3,407 54	3,500 00
Town Road Aid	349 29	405 63	304 68
Town Truck	1,000 00	1,278 12	500 00
Libraries	200 00		200 00
Public Welfare:			
Town Poor	1,000 00	956 63	1,000 00
Old Age Assistance	1,000 00	473 10	2,000 00
Patriotic Purposes:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	200 00	200 00	200 00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF BENNINGTON, N. H.

Purposes of Expenditures	Appropriations Previous Year 1971	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1971	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1972
Recreation:			
Parks and Playgrounds, Inc.			
Band Concerts	2,500 00	2,112 28	2,500 00
Public Service Enterprises:			
Municipally Owned Water and Electric Utilities	4,000 00	4,872 39	4,800 00
Cemeteries	800 00	487 00	800 00
Advertising and Regional Associations	310 00	310 00	310 00
Interest on Debt:			
On Temporary Loans	1,000 00	528 65	1,000 00
On Long Term Notes & Bonds	2,200 00	2,200 00	2,480 00
Principal of Debt:			
Long Term Notes	5,000 00	5,000 00	8,000 00
Capital Outlay:			
Town Construction (Hwys. & Bridges)			
Tarring	2,000 00	2,199 73	2,000 00
Total Appropriations	\$56,619 29		\$64,479 68

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES
ASSESSED FOR THE TAX YEAR 1971 OF THE
TOWN OF BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH
COUNTY

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We hereby request that the tax commission compute the rate for municipal, school and county taxes separately.

Date September 7, 1971

Roger Magoon
Erving LeCain
William Aldrich
Selectmen of Bennington

Appropriations	Amount
Town Officers Salaries	\$2,100 00
Town Office Administrative Expenses	2,400 00
Election & Registration Expenses	180 00
Town Hall & Buildings	
Maintenance	2,900 00
Police Department	3,000 00
Fire Department	3,000 00
Blister Rust, Care of Trees	300 00
Insurance	3,000 00
Damages & Legal Expenses	500 00
Health Department	50 00
Vital Statistics	30 00
Dump & Garbage Collection	2,100 00
Town Maintenance (Summer \$5,000 00)	
(Winter \$5,500 00)	10,500 00
Street Lighting	2,000 00
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	3,500 00
Town Road Aid	349 29
Libraries	200 00
Old Age Assistance	1,000 00
Public Relief (Town Poor)	1,000 00
Memorial Day, Vet. Assoc.,	
Old Home Day	200 00
Parks & Playgrounds inc.	
Band Concerts	2,500 00
Water & Electric Utilities	4,000 00
Cemeteries	800 00
Medical Clinic & Visiting	
Nurse Assoc.	640 00

Advertising & Regional Assoc.	310 00	
New Construction (Dump Land)	4,000 00	
Tarring	2,000 00	
Water Works	800 00	
Expense — Town Truck	1,000 00	
New Equipment	3,000 00	
Payment on Debt (Principal \$5,000 00)		
(Interest \$3,200 00)	8,200 00	
Total Town Appropriation	-----	\$65,559 29
Less: Estimated Revenues & Credits		
Interest & Dividends Tax	\$2,012 25	
Savings Bank Tax	862 31	
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,830 00	
Interest Received on Taxes		
& Deposits	500 00	
Business Licenses, Permits		
& Filing Fees	20 00	
Dog Licenses	200 00	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	7,000 00	
Rent of Town Property		
& Equipment	50 00	
Income from Trust Funds	800 00	
Rent of Town Truck	1,200 00	
Water & Electric Departments	6,500 00	
National Bank Stock Taxes	7 50	
Resident Taxes Retained	1,721 50	
Other Revenue: Highway Subsidy	2,605 00	
	175 00	
Total Revenues & Credits	-----	-\$26,483 56
Net Town Appropriations		39,075 73
Net School Appropriations		141,316 34
County Tax Assessment		11,597 72
Total of Town, School & County		\$191,989 79
Deduct: Reimb. a-c Property Exempted		
1970 Special Session		70,799 67
Add: War Service Tax Credits		2,525 00
Add: Overlay		1,004 41
Property Taxes To Be Raised		\$124,719 53
Taxes To Be Committed To Collector:		
Gross Property Taxes		\$124,719 53
Total		\$124,719 53
Less: w/Serv. Tax Credit		2,525 00
Total Tax Commitment		\$122,194 53

TAX RATES

Town

\$6 30

WAR SERVICE TAX CREDITS

Totally and permanently disabled veterans, their spouses or widows, and the widows of veterans who died or were killed on active duty.

	Limits	Number	Estimated Tax Credits	
	\$600	1	\$300 00	
	\$50	44½	\$2,525 00	
Total Number & Amount			<hr/> \$2,525 00	
	Tax	Number Assessed	Total Amt. Assessed	55% Retained by Town-City
Resident Taxes	\$10	313	\$3,130 00	\$1,721 50

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF
BENNINGTON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 1971

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Date January 20, 1972

Roger Magoon
Erving LeCain
William Aldrich
Selectmen of Bennington

Mary D. Shea
Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash	
In hands of treasurer	\$55,830 21
Capital Reserve Funds:	
Fire Department Building	2,852 20
Accounts Due to the Town	
Town of Antrim — Capital Cost Share of Sanitary Land Fill Area	22,500 00
Danny Cole — Tarring	17 50
Unredeemed Taxes:	
(b) Levy of 1970	2,883 88
(c) Levy of 1969	1,677 11
(d) Previous Years	22 69
Uncollected Taxes:	
(a) Levy of 1971, Inc. Resident Taxes	17,252 65
Total Assets	<u>\$103,036 24</u>
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1970	8,917 43
Current Surplus, Dec. 31, 1971	21,697 09
Increase Surplus—Change in Financial Cond.	<u>\$12,779 66</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts Owed by the Town:	
Bills outstanding	\$1,549 64
Unexpended Balance of Special Appropriations:	
Sewer	\$700 00
Road Broom	400 00

Sanitary Land Fill Raised by Taxation	
out of \$20,000 Authorized	4,000 00
Carryover from 1970	2,500 00
Due from Antrim as their share	22,500 00
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Total	\$29,000 00
Expended	23,004 65
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Unexpended Balance needed for site preparation, signs, gates & fence	5,995 35
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Total Unexpended	\$7,095 35
Due to State:	
(a) Resident Taxes — 1971	
(State's Share Only) 45 per cent	889 65
(Uncollected \$530 00) (Collected—not remitted to State Treas. \$1,447 00)	
(b) 2% Bond & Debt Retirement Taxes	
(Collected—not remitted to State Treas.)	\$92 91
School District Tax Payable	68,859 40
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Total Accounts Owed by Town	\$78,486 95
Capital Reserve Funds:	2,852 20
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Total Liabilities	81,339 15
Current Surplus	21,697 09
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Grand Total	\$103,036 24

RECEIPTS

Current Revenue:	
From Local Taxes:	
Property Taxes—Current	
Year—1971	\$104,868 45
Resident Taxes—Current Year—1971	2,610 00
National Bank Stock Taxes—1971	2 50
Total Current Year's Taxes	<hr/>
collected & remitted	\$107,480 95
Property Taxes & Yield Taxes—	
Previous Years	14,826 07
Poll Taxes—Previous Years	86 00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	285 00
Interest received on Delinquent Taxes	765 81
Penalties: State Head Taxes \$28 50	
Resident Taxes \$27 00	55 50
Tax Sales Redeemed	676 38

From State:	
Highway Subsidy	2,604 54
Interest & Dividends Tax	2,012 25
Savings Bank Tax	862 31
Reimbursement a-c Old Age Assistance	950 22
Meals & Rooms Tax	2,851 61
Reimbursements a-c Business Profits Tax	70,799 67

From Local Sources, Except Taxes:	
Dog Licenses	296 00
Business licenses, permits & filing fees	14 00
Rent of town property	79 00
Interest received on deposits	1,280 55
Income from trust funds	849 88
Income from departments—Road Agent	850 25
Income from municipal water, sewer and electric departments	7,987 85
Motor vehicle permits	7,614 04
(1970—\$42 78, 1971 \$7,571 26)	
Total Current Revenue Receipts	<u>\$223,227 88</u>

Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Proceeds of Tax Anticipation Notes	\$25,000 00
Proceeds of Long Term Notes	12,000 00
Insurance adjustments	46 00
Refunds	92 84
Sale of town property — Town Truck	1,850 00
Grants from USA.—H.U.D.	56,250 00
Cemetery Lot	40 00
Reimb. of Town Poor expense	120 00
Misc.	84 43

Total Receipts Other than Current Revenue	<u>\$95,483 27</u>
Total Receipts from All Sources	<u>\$318,711 15</u>
Cash on hand January 1, 1971	73,622 57
Grand Total	<u>\$392,333 72</u>

PAYMENTS

Current Maintenance Expenses:

General Government:	
Town officers' salaries	\$1,920 00
Town officers' expenses	1,581 99
Election and registration expenses	187 00

Expenses town hall and other town buildings	2,589 94	
Protection of Persons & Property:		
Police department	3,109 67	
Fire department, including forest fires	2,500 00	
Insurance	3,300 75	
Health:		
Health department, including hospitals & ambulance	690 00	
Vital Statistics	31 00	
Town dumps & garbage removal	1,086 00	
Highways and Bridges:		
Town Truck	1,062 57	
Town Road Aid	405 63	
Town Maintenance (Summer—\$4,584 70) (Winter—\$6,020 50)	10,605 20	
Street lighting	2,138 05	
General Expenses of Highway Department & Truck Repairs	4,685 66	
Public Welfare:		
Old Age assistance	473 10	
Town Poor	956 63	
Patriotic Purposes:		
Memorial Day, Veteran's Assoc., & Old Home Day	200 00	
Recreation:		
Parks & playgrounds, including band concerts	2,112 28	
Public Service Enterprises:		
Municipal water & electric departments	4,872 39	
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	487 00	
Unclassified:		
Damages & legal expenses	187 20	
Advertising & Regional Assoc.	310 00	
Taxes bought by town	2,829 50	
Auto Registration Fees	528 00	
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	-----	\$46,724 42
Interest on Debt:		
Paid on tax anticipation notes	528 65	
Paid on long term notes	2,200 00	
Total Interest Payments	-----	\$2,728 65

Principal of Debt:		
Payments on Tax Anticipation Notes	25,000 00	
Payments on long term notes	5,000 00	
Total Principal Payments	-----	\$30,000 00
Capital Outlay:		
Tarring	2,199 73	
Paint Town Hall	200 00	
Water Works construction	314 90	
Fire Dept. Hose	432 90	
Sewer construction, including Sewage		
Treatment Plants, Engineering	56,550 00	
New equipment	15,082 46	
Sanitary Land Fill	23,004 65	
Total Outlay Payments	-----	\$97,784 64
Payments to Other Governmental Divisions:		
Resident Taxes Paid State Treasurer	535 50	
State Head Taxes Paid State Treasurer	965 50	
Payments to State a-c 2% Bond &		
Debt Retirement Taxes	12 11	
Taxes paid to County	11,597 72	
Payments to School Districts	146,154 97	
Total Payments to Other	-----	
Governmental Divisions		\$159,265 80
Total Payments for all Purposes		
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1971		\$336,503 51
		55,830 21

Grand Total		\$392,333 72

SCHEDULE OF LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Long Term Notes Outstanding:		
Town Water Works Extension—1967		
Due \$5,000 00 per year—		
1972 to 1981	\$50,000 00	
Town Truck & Plow—New 1971		
Due \$3,000 00 per year—		
1972 to 1975	12,000 00	
Water Pollution, Interest Free	7,200 00	
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Total Long Term Notes Outstanding		\$69,200 00

RECONCILIATION OF OUTSTANDING LONG TERM INDEBTEDNESS

Outstanding Long Term Debt—		
Dec. 31, 1970; June 30, 1971		\$62,200 00
Long Term Notes Issued		
*in process at 12-31-71	\$12,000	
	<hr/>	12,000 00
Total		<hr/> \$74,200 00
Long Term Notes Paid	5,000 00	
Total	<hr/>	\$5,000 00
Outstanding Long Term Debt—		
Dec. 31, 1971; June 30, 1972		<hr/> \$69,200 00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
Town Hall, Lands and Buildings	\$60,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	1,500 00
Libraries, Lands and Buildings	25,000 00
Furniture and Equipment	3,000 00
Police Department, Equipment	300 00
Fire Department, Equipment	20,000 00
Highway Department, Lands and Buildings	5,000 00
Equipment	15,000 00
Materials and Supplies	500 00
Parks, Commons and Playgrounds	35,000 00
Water Supply, if owned by Town	90,000 00
Sanitary Land Fill Facility—Land	20,000 00
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Total	\$275,300 00

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1971
For Detail—See Itemized Receipts and Disbursements

Title of Appropriation	Appropriation	Receipts & Reimbursements	Amount Available	Expenditures	Balance	Over-draft
Town Officer's Salaries	\$2,100 00		\$2,100 00	\$1,920 00	\$180 00	
Town Officer's Expenses	2,400 00		2,400 00	1,581 99	818 01	
Election & Registration Expenses	180 00		180 00	187 00		7 00
Town Hall Maintenance	2,900 00	\$79 00	2,979 00	2,589 94	389 06	
Police Department	3,000 00		3,000 00	3,109 67		109 67
Fire Department	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,500 00		
Insurance	3,000 00	46 00	3,046 00	3,300 75		254 75
Damages & Legal Expense	500 00		500 00	187 20	312 80	
Health Department	50 00		50 00	50 00		
Vital Statistics	30 00		30 00	31 00		1 00
Dump Operation	2,100 00	90 00	2,190 00	1,086 00	1,104 00	
Town Maintenance—Summer	5,000 00	269 00	5,269 00	4,584 70	684 30	
Town Maintenance—Winter	5,500 00		5,500 00	6,020 50		520 50
General Highway Expenses	3,500 00	92 84	3,592 84	3,407 54	185 30	
Town Truck	1,000 00		1,000 00	1,278 12		278 12
Street Lighting	2,000 00		2,000 00	2,138 05		138 05
Town Road Aid	349 29		349 29	405 63		56 34
Library	200 00		200 00		c 200 00	
Old Age Assistance	1,000 00	950 22	1,950 22	473 10	1,477 12	
Town Poor	1,000 00	120 00	1,120 00	956 63	163 37	
Memorial Day	200 00		200 00	200 00		
Parks & Playgrounds	2,500 00		2,500 00	2,112 28		
Water Dept.	4,000 00		4,000 00	4,872 39	387 72	
Cemeteries	800 00	40 00	840 00	487 00	353 00	
Tarring	2,000 00	581 25	2,581 25	2,199 73	381 52	
Regional Association	310 00		310 00	310 00		872 39

Principal on Debt					
Interest	5,000 00	5,000 00	5,000 00		
County Taxes	3,200 00	4,480 55	2,728 65		1,751 90
Special Appropriations:	11,597 72	11,597 72	11,597 72		
Monadnock Health Service Clinic	449 00	449 00	449 00		
Monadnock Community Visiting Nurses	191 00	191 00	191 00		
Fire Hose	500 00	500 00	432 90		67 10
Sewage—Land & Easements		1,000 00	300 00		c 700 00
Water Works—Shut Off	800 00	800 00	314 90		485 10
Road Broom		400 00			c 400 00
Town Hall Painting		190 00	200 00		10 00
New Dump	4,000 00				
Tree Spraying	300 00	29,000 00	23,004 65		c 5,995 35
New Truck & Plow	3,000 00	300 00			300 00
Totals	<u>\$77,157 01</u>	<u>\$121,145 87</u>	<u>\$105,290 50</u>	<u>\$18,103 19</u>	<u>\$2,247 82</u>
Net Unexpended Bal.—Inc. Carryover Liabilities of	\$7,095 35	16,850 00	15,082 46	1,767 54	15,855 37
					<u>\$18,103 19</u>

(a) Carryover of 1970 year end Liabilities to 1971

(b) Due from Antrim

(c) Carryover of 1971 Liabilities to 1972 — \$7,095 35.

(d) Long Term Notes

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1971 through Dec. 31, 1971

Auto Tax, 1970		\$42 78
Auto Tax, 1971		7,571 26
Filing Fees		14 00
Dog Licenses, 1970	\$107 00	
Dog Licenses, 1971	189 00	
	<u> </u>	
	\$296 00	
Clerk's Fees	\$20 60	
	<u> </u>	\$275 40
		<u> </u>
		\$7,903 44
		Don Powers, Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, Jan. 1, 1971		\$73,622 57
Plus Receipts	\$460,711 15	
Net of Transferred from Savings	142,000 00	
	<u> </u>	
Net Receipts		\$318,711 15
		<u> </u>
Total		\$392,333 72
Less—Disbursements	428,285 60	
Net of Transferred to Savings	91,782 09	
	<u> </u>	
Net Disbursements		\$336,503 51
		<u> </u>
Balance, Dec. 31, 1971		\$55,830 21
		Don Powers, Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF WARRANTS
PROPERTY, RESIDENT AND YIELD TAXES
LEVY OF 1971

DR.

Taxes Committed to Collector:

Property Taxes	\$121,622 33	
Resident Taxes	3,140 00	
National Bank Stock		
Taxes	2 50	
Total Warrant	-----	\$124,764 83

Added Taxes:

Property Taxes	43 20	
	-----	\$43 20
Interest Collected—Prop. Taxes		10 41
Penalties Collected—Res. Taxes		27 00
Total Debits		----- \$124,845 44

CR.

Remittances to Treasurer:

Property Taxes	\$104,868 45	
Resident Taxes	2,610 00	
National Bank Stock		
Taxes	2 50	
Interest Collected	10 41	
Penalties on Res. Taxes	27 00	
	-----	\$107,518 36

Abatements:

Property Taxes	\$54 43	
	-----	\$54 43

Uncollected Taxes—As Per Collector's List:

Property Taxes	\$16,742 65	
Resident Taxes	5 30	
	-----	\$17,272 65

Total Credits		\$124,845 44
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SUMMARY OF WARRANT
STATE HEAD TAX
LEVY OF 1970

DR.

Uncollected Taxes—As of Jan. 1, 1971:

Property Taxes	\$310 00
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Penalties Collected, 1971	28 50	
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Total Debits		\$338 50
	CR.	
Remittances to Treasurer During 1971:		
Head Taxes	\$285 00	
Penalties	28 50	
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	\$313 50	
Abatements During 1971	25 00	
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Total Credits		\$338 50

SUMMARY OF WARRANTS PROPERTY, POLL AND YIELD TAXES LEVY OF 1970

DR.

Uncollected Taxes—As of Jan. 1, 1971:		
Property Taxes		
1969 Levy	\$124 15	
1970 Levy	14,144 48	
Poll Taxes	98 00	
Yield Taxes	557 44	
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	\$14,924 07	
Interest Collected	\$755 40	
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Total Debits		\$15,679 47
	CR.	
Remittances to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	\$14,268 63	
Poll Taxes	86 00	
Yield Taxes	557 44	
Interest Collected	755 40	
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	\$15,667 47	
Abatements During Year:		
Poll Taxes	\$12 00	
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	\$12 00	
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Total Credits		\$15,679 47

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
SUMMARY OF TAX SALES ACCOUNTS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1970

DR.			
	Tax Sale on Account of Levies of:		
	1970	1969	1968
(a) Balance of Unredeemed Taxes Jan. 1, 1971		\$1,677 11	576 99
(b) Taxes Sold to Town During Current Fiscal Year	\$2,883 88		
Interest Collected After Sale			122 08
Total Debits	<u>\$2,883 88</u>	<u>\$1,677 11</u>	<u>\$699 07</u>
Remittances to Treasurer During Year:			
Redemptions			\$554 30
Interest and Costs After Sale			122 08
Unredeemed Taxes—			
Dec. 31, 1971	2,883 88	1,677 11	22 69
Total Credits	<u>\$2,883 88</u>	<u>\$1,677 11</u>	<u>\$699 07</u>

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES
ON ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1970	1969	1968
Elisha Grant	\$194 34	\$190 50	\$
Maurice Paige	183 73	190 00	
Verna Paige	26 35	25 80	
Edwin Parris	335 57	318 54	
Warren Perkins	175 96	178 18	
Raymond Sullivan	428 41	419 11	
George Whittemore	101 15	99 06	
Angelo DeCharia	241 39	236 12	
Bastida Schall	*26 35	*25 80	*22 69
Barbara & Athlon Huntley	1,098 27		
Boston & Maine Railroad	17 98		
Charles & Judith Chasse	54 38		
	<u>\$2,883 88</u>	<u>1,677 11</u>	<u>\$22 69</u>

*Redeemed Jan. 20, 1972

UNPAID PROPERTY TAXES 1971

Harold Barton	\$45 72
Clarence Bishop Est.	244 94

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

George Blanchard	154 98
Julius Church	181 44
Peter Cordatos	*226 80
Ruby Courser	113 40
John Durgin	798 34
Herbert Fenerty Est.	99 58
Lester Foote	235 87
Elisha Grant	181 44
William Haag, Jr.	332 54
Joseph Hugron	272 16
Barbara Huntley	408 24
Barbara & Athlon Huntley	635 04
William Kimball	90 72
Roger Magoon	267 52
John Maloney	1,360 80
Edwin Parris	308 45
Warren Perkins	163 30
Warren Perry	317 52
Roland Renshaw	*84 67
Grace Sargent Est.	*176 80
Raymond Sullivan	408 24
Fred Swett	142 13
June Weibel	*226 80
David Westaway	*194 84
George Whittemore, Sr.	90 72
Boston & Maine Railroad	9 07
Maureen Covino	147 42
Angelo Decharia	226 80
Doyle, Hagen & Tighe	635 04
Donald Knapton	*272 16
Roberta Lefavour	100 17
Jean Lefavour	100 17
Onset Ski Corp.	6,158 64
Maurice Paige	170 86
Verna Paige	18 14
John Robertson	51 41
Bastida Schall	*18 14
Everett Schwartz, Jr.	45 36
Richard Verro	965 79
Norman Wheeler	22 68
Robert & Doris Wilson	37 80

\$16,742 65

*Paid Since Jan. 1, 1972

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
UNPAID RESIDENCE TAX 1971

George Blanchard	Paul Lavoie
Mary Blanchard	Margaret Lavoie
Thomas Burrows	James Lorette
Delpha Burrows	Dorothy Lorette
Judith Cashion	Richard Lyons, Sr.
Nancy Cashion	Ardell Lyons
Julius Church	Marie Magoon
Marguerite Church	Donald Mead
Daniel Cole	Edwin Parris
Peter Cordatos	Kathleen Parris
John Delay, Jr.	Warren Perry
Sandra Delay	Marjorie Perry
John Durgin	Nikka Peuraharju
Lula Durgin	Rita Peuraharju
Clifford Gates	Richard Sudsbury
Carol Gates	Karen Sudsbury
Elisha Grant	Dalton Todd
Isabell Grant	Mary Todd
James Griswold	*June Weibel
Evelyn Griswold	George Whittemore, Sr.
Donald Hall	Phoebe Whittemore
Arthur Holden	George Whittemore, Jr.
Betty Holden	Charles Wing
Joseph Hugron	Dorothy Wing
Donna Hugron	Charles Zabriskie
Donald Johnson	Suzanne Zabriskie
Isabell Johnson	

*Paid Since Jan. 1, 1972

"I hereby Certify that the above list showing the name and amount due from each delinquent taxpayer, as of December 31, 1971, on account of the tax levy of 1971, is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief."

Edward E. French
Tax Collector

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

Year Ended December 31, 1971

1. Taxes—Edward French, Tax Collector:		
1971 Property Taxes	\$104,868	45
1971 Resident Taxes	2,637	00
Prior Year Property Taxes	14,268	63
Prior Year Poll Taxes	86	00
Prior Year Yield Taxes	557	44
Prior Year Head Taxes	313	50
National Bank Stock Tax	2	50
Interest	765	81
Tax Sales Redeemed	676	38
	-----	\$124,175 71
2. Income—From the State:		
Reimb.—Stock in		
Trade Taxes	\$70,799	67
Interest and Dividend Tax	2,012	25
Rooms and Meals Tax	2,851	61
Savings Bank Tax	862	31
Highway Subsidy	2,604	54
Old Age—Reimbursement	950	22
Gas Tax Refund	92	84
	-----	\$80,173 44
3. Interest on Savings Account		1,280 55
4. Dog Licenses		296 00
5. Filing Fees		14 00
6. Rent of Town Hall		79 00
7. Income from Trust Funds		849 88
8. Pistol Permits		14 00
9. Water Department		7,987 85
10. Motor Vehicle Permits		7,614 04
11. Reimbursement of Town Poor Expense		120 00
12. Income from Road Agent		269 00
13. Income from Road Agent, Tarring		581 25
14. Sale of Old Town Truck		1,850 00
15. Dump Permits		90 00
16 Cemetery Lots		40 00
17. Misc		1 03
18. Town Clerk Fees		(20 60)
19. Insurance Adjustment		46 00
20. Engineering Grant from H.U.D.		56,250 00
21. Long Term loan for new town truck & plow		12,000 00
22 Temporary Loans in anticipation of Taxes		25,000 00
23. Transferred from Savings Account		142,000 00

Total Receipts		\$460,711 15

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

1. Town Officer's Salaries:

Walter Cleary	\$10 00
Robert Knight, Sr.	10 00
Wm. L. Aldrich, Sr	300 00
Erving LeCain	250 00
Roger Magoon	250 00
Charles Zabriskie, Sr	100 00
Donald Clough	75 00
Donald Taylor	75 00
John Armstrong	150 00
Mary D. Shea	187 50
Albert Cuddemi	75 00
Charles Lindsay	75 00
Silvio Zanga	50 00
Philip Knowles	50 00
Donald Powers	75 00
Edward French	187 50

\$1,920 00

2. Town Officers Expenses:

Silvio Zanga	37 10
Misc.	6 00
N.H. Municipal Assoc.	52 00
Chase's	92 71
Sally Westaway	16 00
Judy Handy	53 00
David Aldrich	4 00
Joseph Maltais Dr.	11 88
Wheeler & Clark	30 95
N.H. Telephone Co.	7 48
Annie Knight, P.M.	99 20
Transcript Printing	853 85
State of N.H.	8 19
Steele's Bookstore	4 65
N.H. Tax Coll. Assoc.	5 00
Spauding Co. Inc.	22 00
Burnham Publishing Co.	7 90
Simons Jewelry	10 40
Edward French	103 93
Hillsboro County Treas.	7 10
Donald Powers	109 40
Homestead Press	25 50
E. A. LeCain	3 15
Brown & Saltmarsh	10 60

\$1,581 99

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

3. Election & Registration:

Garnet Mills	\$10 00
Linda Delay	10 00
Mary Stone	10 00
Arthur Sawyer	10 00
Paul Traxler	15 00
Philip Knowles	15 00
Edward French	15 00
Bennington Fire Aux	60 00
J.P. Weston	5 00
Transcript Printing	37 00

\$187 00

4. Town Hall & Other Buildings:

N.H. Telephone Co.	\$1 88
Dorothy Traxler	812 87
John Armstrong	44 50
Public Service	320 06
J.B. Vaillancourt	747 44
Paul Lavoie	195 00
Ronald Traxler	16 50
Brian McInnis	25 50
Monadnock Lumber	3 70
Monadnock Paper Mills	35 75
Adirondack Chair Co.	218 43
Miller Plumbing & Heating	168 31
(See Receipts—Rent of Town Hall—\$79 00)	

\$2,589 94

5. Police Department:

Auto Electric Co.	\$34 68
N.H. Telephone Co.	225 76
Stephen Chase, Jr.	1,867 12
Barbara Huntley	84 00
Wm. Stewart, Jr.	489 66
Rodney LaClair	292 94
Phelps Photo	3 02
Pherus Press	18 50
Village Spa	5 49
John French	60 00
James Champagne	28 50

\$3,109 67

6. Fire Department:

Bennington Garage	\$412 76
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DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Mutual Aid	243 87	
Public Service	44 18	
N.H. Telephone Co.	54 13	
Berner Electric Service, Inc.	110 60	
Edmund's Hardware	22 87	
Charles Zabriskie	152 03	
N.H. Welding	12 37	
State Chemical Co.	225 35	
Edward French Treas.	497 25	
Keene Industrial Paper Co.	5 32	
Trustees of Trust Fund	719 27	
	<hr/>	\$2,500 00
7. Insurance—Davis-Clark Ins. Agency		\$3,300 75
8. Health Department—Donald Powers		\$50 00
9. Vital Statistics—Donald Powers		\$31 00
10. Town Dump:		
Sidney Hutington	\$1,000 00	
Magoon Const. Co.	61 00	
Treas. State of N.H.	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,086 00
11. Town Summer Maintenance:		
Sidney Huntington	\$2,797 25	
Kendall Bagley	1,142 25	
Bruce Cook	12 25	
State of N.H.	223 45	
David Aldrich	227 50	
(See Cash Receipts—Income to Road Agent \$269 00)	<hr/>	\$4,584 70
12. Winter Maintenance:		
Sidney Huntington	\$4,545 25	
Brian Sudsbury	354 00	
Edward Derosier	7 00	
Warren Perry	10 50	
Smith Harriman	163 75	
Charles Cook	80 50	
Bruce Cook	70 00	
Kendall Bagley	56 00	
Debra Huntington	40 25	
Harry Dorr	668 25	
Evelyn Wilson	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$6,020 50

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

13. Street Lighting—Public Service of N.H.		\$2,138 05
14. General Highway Expenses:		
Chemical Corp.	\$1,133 42	
Granite State Feed	163 97	
Edmund's Hardware	30 92	
Construction Equip. Co.	12 45	
Bennington Garage	348 34	
Public Service Co. of N.H.	75 70	
Harris Construction Co.	35 34	
International Salt Co.	246 52	
R. C. Hazelton Co.	53 13	
Merle Aborn	41 20	
Gulf Oil Corp.	583 46	
Beede Waste Oil Co.	192 00	
Antrim Lumber Co.	23 27	
Ralph L. Balla	199 60	
Del Chemical	74 10	
Ken Reed	20 89	
N.H. Explosives Co.	173 23	
(See Cash Receipts—Gas		
Tax Refund \$92 84)	-----	\$3,407 54
15. Old Age Assistance—State of N.H.		\$473 10
16. Town Poor:		
Russell Fuel Co.	\$271 60	
Village Spa	335 03	
Silvio Zanga	350 00	
(See Cash Receipts—Reimb. of		
Expense \$120 00)	-----	\$956 63
17. Memorial Day—Robert Knight, Sr.		\$200 00
18. Town Truck		(\$1,062 57)
19. Recreation—Parks & Playground:		
Paul Lavoie	\$25 31	
Gladys Newhall	178 00	
Sidney Huntington	70 00	
Judith LaFortune	1,005 75	
Village Spa	3 01	
L.E. Topping	20 00	
Derby's	10 50	
Olin Forman	2 00	
Sue Temple	571 75	
N.H. Telephone Co.	23 96	

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Antrim Lumber	11 39
Charles Zabriskie	60 00
A.S. Huntley	25 57
Bennington Garage	22
Fred Hugron	60 00
Edmund's Hardware	28 67
Giant Mfg. Co.	16 15

\$2,112 28

20. Water Works:

John Armstrong	\$1,663 65
Badger Meter Co.	30 30
N.H. Water Works Assoc.	15 00
Paul Wilson	12 00
Goodman's Bookstore	26 55
Public Service Co. of N.H.	1,255 92
Edward Derosier	356 00
David Traxler	5 00
Bennington Garage	170 38
E. H. Edwards & Son	475 15
Annie Knight P.M.	12 00
Moore Business Forms	70 05
Edmund's Hardware	41 03
Paul Wilson	126 50
George A. Caldwell Co.	32 51
Nyanza Inc.	33 60
Everett Prescott Inc.	391 55
Transcript Printing	16 75
C.A. Turner Co.	14 00
Edna Armstrong	10 00
Tri Sales Inc.	24 90
Richard Levitt	63 55
Ernest Quettette	11 00
Wm. Healey Sec.	15 00

(See Cash Receipts—Dept.
Income \$7,987 85)

\$4,872 39

21. Cemeteries:

James Champagne	\$249 00
Brenden Magoon	20 00
Donald Clough	10 00
Donald Peldey	16 00
Bennington Garage	4 35
Gleason's Inc.	26 65
Brian McInnis	66 00
Fred Hugron	15 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Gerry Willis	50 00	
James French	30 00	
(See Cash Receipts—Trust Fund Income \$849 88)	-----	\$487 00
22. Damages & Legal Expenses:		
Forrest Tenney	\$10 00	
Blodgett & McKechnie	127 20	
Wm. Steward Jr.	50 00	
	-----	\$187 20
23. Advertising & Regional Expense		\$310 00
24. Taxes Bought by Town—Edward French, Coll.		\$2,829 50
25. Truck Repairs—Bennington Garage		\$1,278 12
26. Head Taxes—State Treas.		\$965 50
27. Water & Sewer Const.—Anderson & Nichols (See Cash Receipts—Grant From H.U.D. \$56,250 00)		\$56,250 00
28. Temporary Loans—F.N.B.P.		\$25,000 00
29. Water Works Bond—F.N.B.P.		\$5,000 00
30. Yield Tax—Treas. State of N.H.		\$12 11
31. Auto Registration—Donald Powers		\$528 00
32. State of N.H.—TRA		\$405 63
33. State of N.H.—Resident Tax		\$535 50
34. F.N.B.P.—Interest on Bonds		\$2,200 00
35. Savings Account Transfer— Town of Bennington		\$91,782 09
36. Interest on Temp. Loans (See Cash Receipts—Interest on Savings Account \$1,280 55)		\$528 65
37. County Tax		\$11,597 72
38. Con Val School District		\$146,154 97
39. Special Appropriations:		
Monadnock Com. Nurse Asso.		\$449 00
Monadnock Family & Health Asso.		\$191 00
Painting—Town Hall—Paul Lavoie		\$200 00

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Tarring:	
Sid Huntington	\$508 55
Lake Asphalt & Tar Co.	1,691 18
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(See Cash Receipts—	
Reimb. of \$581 25)	
	\$2,199 73
Water Works & Helco Supply Co.	\$314 90
Fire Dept.—Hose—D.D. Bean & Son	\$432 90
Sewage Easements	
Peterborough Savings Bank	\$100 00
Fred & Daisy Hugron	200 00
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	\$300 00
Town Truck	
Bennington Garage	\$15,030 00
Transcript Printing	22 00
Union Leader	30 46
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	\$15,082 46
(See Cash Receipts—Sale of	
old truck—\$1,850 00)	
Sanitary Land Fill Facility—Special	
Appropriation—North Bennington (For	
joint use by Antrim and Bennington)	
Purchase of Land:	
Frank and Ardell Johnson	\$14,747 81
First National Bank of Peterboro	3,000 00
Edward French, Tax Collector	272 16
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	\$18,019 97
Legal—Blodgett & Mackachnie	\$917 68
Survey—Boundry & Topo—Don Mellen	\$3,987 00
Approval opinion	\$80 00
(Plus—Site preparation—Gates, Fence, and	
Signs in year end liab.) (Net of \$22,500 00	
due from town of Antrim for their portion.	
See Balance Sheet Assets.)	<hr/>
	\$42,174 64
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Total Disbursements	\$428,285 60

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of on December 31, 19

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first three trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED What kind of stocks, bonds, etc. (If common trust — No State)	0%	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses on Sale of Securities	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Exceeded During Year	Balance End Year	
										Percent	Amount			
1923	Mary Parlier Jameson	G. E. P. Dobson Library	Peterborough Savings Bank		457.50				457.50	264.03		36.94		301.87
1923	John D. & Mary C. Butler	" "	" "		1,000.00				1,000.00	381.15		70.45		451.80
1929	Emma E. Gison	" "	Peterboro Savings Bank - 3775, 65 C.D.		19,000.00				18,000.00			1,085.40		
1928	Emma E. Gison	" "	Peterborough Savings Bank		722.58	519.74			1,262.30	1,708.21		130.45	209.00	1,262.76
1938	Emma E. Gison	" "	228 Shares Savings Fund		3,442.50				3,768.54			123.12	123.12	
1933	Emma E. Gison	" "	181 Shares Savings Fund		12,951.50				14,377.50			632.00	632.00	
1938	Emma E. Gison	" "	714.892 Shares Mass. Inv. Trust		10,005.00				9,289.54			327.96	327.96	
1938	Emma E. Gison	" "	330.384 Shares Boston Fund		6,451.19	Purchased 16 Shares			9,038.70			259.80	259.80	
1938	Emma E. Gison	" "	120 Shares Am. Tel. & Tel.		5,457.56				5,370.00			303.66	303.66	
1955	Emma E. Gison	" "	Peterborough Svcs Bk. Can Chan Fd.		373.06		2.01	62	77.83	152.80		20.80		173.60
1954	Bennington Womens Club	" "	Peterborough Savings Bank		153.35				152.85	20.70		8.93		23.53
	Total Library Funds				60,402.30	519.74	3.01	62	62,784.56	2,627.79		3,006.71	942,584.56	
1905	Anna M Woodbury	Sunny Side Cemetery	Peterborough Savings Bank		500.00				200.00	39.20		12.24	8.50	42.94
1908	Heien P. Ramsey	" "	" "		200.00				200.00	34.41		11.93	8.50	37.00
1908	Geo. Andrew Whittamore	" "	" "		800.00				300.00	30.41		16.91	15.00	32.82
1914	Alvan A Ramsey	" "	" "		1,750.18				1,766.16	272.57		104.47	100.00	277.04
1915	C. J. Kimball	" "	" "		850.00				350.00	49.00		20.43	12.75	56.68
1916	Willard S. Carlin	" "	" "		332.20				332.20	45.94		19.35	14.75	50.54
1916	Trustees Trust Funds	" "	" "		600.00	63.87			663.87	81.36		35.53	30.00	96.80
1917	Augustus W. Gray	" "	" "		100.00				100.00	17.62		6.00	4.25	19.37
1918	W. H. Derrah	" "	" "		50.00				50.00	11.02		3.09	2.00	12.11
			TOTALS											

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of Bennington on December 31, 19

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND In a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED (If common trust — So State)	0/0	PRINCIPAL				INCOME			
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Created	Gains or Losses on Securities	Cash Dividends	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR Percent	Amount	Forward During Year
1941	Frank A. Taylor	Sunrise Cemetery	Peterborough Savings Bank		100.00				100.00	13.87	5.81	4.95
1942	Fred Kimball	"	"	"	300.00				300.00	43.82	17.71	11.00
1943	Robert & Lenora Nichols	"	"	"	300.00				300.00	45.68	17.72	11.00
1943	Frank & Helen W. Young	"	"	"	150.00	250.00			400.00	28.88	15.38	6.75
1945	Irish Keaser	"	"	"	50.00				50.00	10.43	3.05	2.00
1945	Geo. Alfred Whittemore	"	"	"	250.00				250.00	43.69	15.03	11.00
1943	Stephen & Mary Chase	"	"	"	125.00				125.00	21.39	7.52	5.75
1946	Lenora L. O'Leary	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	16.62	5.96	4.25
1944	Edith Dodge	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	15.11	5.59	4.25
1952	Kendall Gray	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	17.10	5.98	4.25
1952	Clarence D. Kobernagel	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	14.39	5.53	4.25
1954	Allan A. Gerrard	"	"	"	150.00				150.00	24.24	8.90	6.75
1954	William H. Odell	"	"	"	150.00				150.00	24.24	8.90	6.75
1957	John Dana Weston	"	"	"	303.50				303.50	34.97	12.57	13.75
1958	Amos Whittemore	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	13.36	5.79	4.25
1960	Edward R. Keaser	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	13.97	5.57	4.00
1964	William E. Call	"	"	"	100.00				100.00	17.51	5.98	4.25
	TOTAL Sunrise Cemetery Funds				9,525.88	313.37			9,840.23	1,514.70	572.08	438.25
1942	Osprey L. Herlick	Everytown Cemetery	Peterborough Savings Bank		200.00				200.00	34.43	11.39	6.50
1944	C. M. Whitby	"	"	"	200.00				200.00	37.20	12.14	6.50
1944	A. D. Green	"	"	"	300.00				200.00	33.04	13.10	8.50
	TOTALS											

Report of the Trust Funds of the City or Town of on December 31, 19

DATE OF CREATION	NAME OF TRUST FUND List first three trusts invested in a common trust fund	PURPOSE OF TRUST FUND	HOW INVESTED Where invested in Stocks, bonds, etc. (If common trust - No Stock)	0/0	PRINCIPAL					INCOME				
					Balance Beginning Year	New Funds Granted	Gain or (Loss) on Sale of Securities	Capital Gain Dividends	Balance End Year	Balance Beginning Year	INCOME DURING YEAR		Expended During Year	Balance End Year
											Percent	Amount		
1295	Calvin B. Lyon	Benjamin Casper P.	Petersburgh Savings Bank		104.00				104.00	14.7		6.70	4.03	21.16
1293	Cyrus H. Philbrick	"	"	"	204.00				104.00	34.03		11.16	5.06	37.43
1294	Ann F. Philbrick	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	12.18		6.02	4.03	21.26
1292	Lizzie M. Holt	"	"	"	204.00				204.00	34.48		11.09	2.50	33.37
1292	Luke Byrt	"	"	"	54.00				50.00	10.52		2.07	2.00	11.52
1293	Charles F. Monahan	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	12.11		6.03	4.03	21.13
1321	John C. Dodge	"	"	"	214.00				200.00	18.52		11.60	5.00	29.62
1321	Eros Vieno	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	12.18		6.02	4.03	21.26
1325	Bradford D. Brown	"	"	"	54.00				50.00	7.15		2.05	2.00	8.70
1321	Ellen C. Brown	"	"	"	204.00				204.00	14.16		11.66	3.00	24.41
1340	Walter Wilson	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	14.54		5.74	2.00	17.28
1342	Samuel & Jane Dodge	"	"	"	54.00				50.00	8.24		2.42	2.00	9.22
1342	Thomas Wilson	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	14.53		5.84	4.25	19.32
1351	Robert Wilson	"	"	"	24.75				23.75	23.44		13.04	11.75	30.32
1353	Lawrence & Catherine Muhall	"	"	"	204.00				200.00	24.79		11.75	9.00	32.54
1371	Martha Cosman	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	14.37		5.03	4.25	15.05
1375	Paul A. Knight	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	14.37		5.03	4.25	15.05
1355	George A. Ross	"	"	"	104.00				100.00	14.37		5.03	4.25	15.05
1356	Nellie Dwyers Vose	"	"	"	200.00				200.00	20.65		11.60	9.00	29.25
1359	394.363 Sh. Lizzie M. Holt Sp. Ed.	Geo. Putnam & "			5,241.03				5,897.60			132.63	132.63	
1377	Frederic M. Garjant	"	Petersburgh Savings Bank		204.00				200.00	24.79		11.50	9.00	27.28
1390	Louise E. Casey	"	"	"	1,004.00				1,000.00	153.62		59.01	42.50	169.13
TOTALS														

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that the books of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Water Department and Trustees of Trust Funds for the Town of Bennington have been examined according to the uniform classification of the State Tax Commission and found to be correct.

Francesco Carrara
Mrs. Robert Handy
Auditors

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT — 1971

Days Open:

Monday & Thursday 2:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.
Wednesday & Thursday 2:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.

Books purchased	314
Books received by gift	325
Records received by gift	10
Magazines by subscription	5
Magazines by gift	3
Peterborough Transcript by subscription	

Circulation:

Records	54
Magazines	48
Books (Adults)	2,670
Children	1,928

Having been instrumental at town meeting last year in creating an interest in landscaping the main street, mainly the school and library, we are embarrassed by the fact that the former has been so very well done and very little has been accomplished at the latter! The little that was done was not effective. Perhaps the greatest drawback to this activity is the lack of man-or-boy-power to assist in putting out trees and shrubs. Volunteers would be most welcome this spring or summer. The building itself is a credit to the town but the landscaping leaves much to be desired! And speaking of volunteers, we are most grateful to Ernest Hutchinson for making very beautiful bookshelves for the children's room.

The summer reading program and annual prize-speaking contest were conducted again this year. Not as many enrolled for the reading program, probably due to the many summer activities arranged by the Recreation Association.

Have you missed the candy sales? We have! We hope to have one at town meeting. A family moving away gave us their

entire library. Many of the books are being used on our shelves, the others will swell the book sale we hope to have this summer. About a hundred books were donated by a family from another town. We appreciate all such donations.

The Bookmobile visited us three times and left a total of one thousand seven hundred and thirty-six books.

It would please us to see more of you using the library. There is a good selection of books, including reference books, and what we do not have can usually be obtained from the state.

Trustees
G.E.P. Dodge Library

G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY

1971	Income	Expenses
Cash on hand, Jan. 1, 1971	\$547 83	
Received from Trust Funds	2,947 94	
Refunds	6 00	
Miscellaneous	90 23	
	<hr/> \$3,592 00	
Salaries		\$1,125 50
Books purchased		1,393 94
Magazines		21 47
Fuel		459 20
Lights		69 85
Library Supplies		49 05
Janitor & Maintenance		142 95
Insurance		37 00
		<hr/> \$3,298 96
Balance in Checking Acct.		\$293 04
		<hr/> 3,592 00

Eunice W. Blanchard
Treasurer

G.E.P. DODGE LIBRARY (Petty Cash Fund)

Received from fines	\$90 02
Payments:	
Care of lawns	18 00
Office supplies	6 43

Books	9 28
Snow removal	14 00
Postage and miscellaneous	25 00
Bal. on hand, Dec. 31, 1971	17 31

Jan. 1, 1971-Dec. 31, 1971	\$90 02
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Annie L. Knight
Sec'y., Board of Trustees

MEMORIAL DAY, 1971

Flags	\$37 50
Ice Cream & Tonic	18 00
Lunch	40 00
Band	100 00
Wreaths	15 00

Total	\$210 50
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Robert L. Knight, Sr.
Chairman

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT FOR 1971

Complaints	73
Warnings	9
Accidents	15
Crimes Committed	20
Crimes Solved	14
Crimes Unsolved	6
Court Cases	73
Cases Won	55
Cases Lost	13
Cases Not Prossed	5
Total Fines Collected in Court	\$1,415 00
Defective Equipment Tags	20
Restitution for Damage to Personal Property	\$52 00
Missing Persons	9
Persons Found	8

The Department appreciates the cooperation of the Towns-
people during the past year.

TOWN HALL REPORT

	Free Hours	Janitor Hours	Rent Collected	Janitor
January	42	51		\$51 00
February	30	58	\$3 00	58 00
March	20	56	28 00	84 00
April	12	37	15 00	55 50
May	10	35	3 00	52 50
June	6	31		46 50
July		29	3 00	43 50
August	3	36		54 00
September	12	43		64 50
October	16	46		69 00
November	19	46	24 00	69 00
December	35	42	3 00	63 00
Total	205	510	\$79 00	\$710 50

Respectfully submitted
Paul Traxler

WATER DEPARTMENT REPORT

Rents Collected	\$6,972 00
Old accounts collected	884 85
Supplies sold	131 00
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	\$7,987 85
Paid Treasurer	\$7,987 85
Uncollected rents	610 25

UNCOLLECTED RENTS

Peter Cordatos	\$58 75
Mrs. H. Courser, pd. Jan. 20	20 00
Jas. Champagne	26 90
R. Lyons, Sr., pd. Jan. 20	30 00
B. A. Huntley	176 80
R. Magoon	68 55
W. Perkins	45 25
W. Perry	62 75
E. Parris	81 25
G. Sargent Est., pd. Jan. 23	24 00
G. Wittemore	16 00
	<hr style="width: 100%; border: 0.5px solid black;"/>
	\$610 25
Dept. Expenses	\$4,872 39

FIRE WARDS REPORT

In Case of any Trouble Call:

Village Spa 588-9652

Charles Zabriskie 588-6328

Donald Taylor 588-2394

Donald Clough 588-6356

To Report a Fire through Mutual Aid in Keene:

- (1) Dial your access number then 352-1100
- (2) When Dispatch Center answers, give your name, location of the fire and the description.

Last year Fire Calls were about average with 18 calls. They were: 1 Car Fire, 5 False Alarms, 4 Mutual Aid Calls, 1 to Greenfield, 1 to Francestown, and 2 to Antrim, 1 Resuscitator call to Antrim, 2 Dump Fires, 2 calls for a Search Party in Francestown, 1 Oil Stove, 1 Saw Mill and 1 House Fire.

We wish to thank everyone that has helped us on our Building Fund Raffle and the ones that gave donations. We had hoped to start this year but did not have enough money so we hope to start in the spring. We have had to make some changes in the plans so we can lower the cost. As in the past, all of the Firemen donated their pays which was \$492.25. As of Jan. 1st., the Fire Department has \$15,713.37 in their Fund and the Town has \$3,092.81 for a total of \$18,806.18. We also want to thank everyone that helped make our Auction a success. We made \$802.37 which went into our fund. We held 2 dances last year and made \$684.30 for our fund. As Chief, I want to thank the Firemen that work so hard towards this project and think they deserve a lot of praise from all of us. We purchased 300 ft. of 2-in. hose with fittings with last year's appropriation which was put on No. 1 truck pre-connected to the tank.

Respectfully Submitted,

Charles Zabriskie, Chief

Donald Taylor, 1st. Asst.

Donald Clough, 2nd. Asst.

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND DISTRICT CHIEF

LEST WE FORGET — IT CAN HAPPEN HERE

Disastrous forest and brush fires that destroy hundreds of homes are more prevalent on the west coast with their dry seasons and strong dry hot winds but 25 years ago this fall is

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD AND THE SELECTMEN

Status and Recommendations Related to Current Major Projects

TOWN SEWAGE PROJECT:

The project status of our town sewage problems as outlined in the 1970 report has not changed too much since that time. We have had many joint meetings, including Antrim representatives, with the State and Federal authorities (both the Farmers Home Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency) as well as several meetings with representatives of both towns and the engineers. We have been encouraged that this project is well up on the priority lists of the State and Federal Government and that the basic concept of this joint approach meets with the approval of both the State and Federal agencies.

The Farmers Home Administration, who have funds available for grants to small communities (which both Antrim and Bennington are considered to be) towards the cost of the town collection system as versus the main sewers and treatment plant, have told the group that they believe funds for this project could be available in late 1972.

However, it now appears that the whole project — together with many similar projects in the state — will be held up awaiting new Federal legislation which is expected sometime this year. It is anticipated this new legislation will increase appropriations in this field and will also substantially increase the proportion of Federal Aid that would be available for these projects. Under present law the Federal Government furnishes 50% of the cost of approved projects for main sewers and treatment plants and the State furnishes 40% of the cost. (This is separate from and in addition to any grants received through F.H.A. for the town collection systems.) It is our understanding that the total aid available will not be increased beyond 90% and that, therefore, any increase in the proportion of Federal aid will result in a reduction in the amount of State aid. Because of this, the State has not processed any new projects with the Federal Government on the basis of a state commitment of 40% aid since July 1, 1971, and intends to wait in the hope and expectation that their commitment will be substantially reduced. I think as citizens of New Hampshire we cannot quarrel with this approach, but it does mean that no new projects are being funded right now.

In addition to the possible funding changes, it appears that the expected new Federal legislation may change substantially the law and the approach under which this basic project com-

binning both municipal and industrial waste was planned. What these changes may turn out to be is unknown and whether the project will be financially feasible and practical under the new legislation is also unknown.

It was the initial recommendation of Town Counsel of both towns that we include in the Town Warrant an article very similar to that included in the 1971 Meeting Warrant but with the intention that any consideration be deferred to a Postponed Meeting for later in the year. However, Bond Counsel, who represents the Bank and who must approve all of the actions that we take in order that a future bond issue be qualified and sold, has raised questions related to the requirements for a hearing prior to consideration of any Warrant article such as this in view of the fact that we cannot at this time make a complete presentation to the voters. In view of these problems, Town Counsel revised their recommendations and now suggest that we use, if suitable and necessary, the approach of a Special Town Meeting sometime later in the year which would be preceded by a hearing or hearings with the required legal notice, etc., so that there could be no question that the action taken by the voters at such a meeting would fully satisfy the legal requirements of Bond Counsel. Whether such a Special Town Meeting will be justified or required both in terms of the time element involved and the possible changes in scope of the whole project is completely unknown at this time.

We recognize that this project has been in process for quite a long time and that although there have been brief reviews each Annual Town Meeting, the voters have not had the opportunity to get as full and complete a report as we would have liked to have made. We had hoped, of course, that we would be holding hearings sometime during the year just past and would have made the review at that time. In view of the effect of the expected Federal legislation which may be very substantial related to this project, it is difficult to answer the many questions which the voters may have. However, the Selectmen and the Planning Board at the portion of the Town Meeting devoted to "any other business" will attempt to answer questions on this project and its current status.

JOINT DUMP — BENNINGTON AND ANTRIM:

Both the Selectmen and Planning Board are particularly pleased to be able to report on the successful completion of the project of a sanitary landfill facility for the joint use of the two towns. We had two Adjourned Town Meetings this fall, the first of which authorized the purchase of the required land and the second approved the agreement with Antrim whereby both the cost of establishing this facility and the future operating costs

would be shared between the two towns. This arrangement has proved of substantial financial benefit to both towns.

As of January 1st of this year the old dump was closed and the new joint facility was opened, although there still remains the task of installing suitable gates, additional necessary signs, the tarring of the road leading to the dump and the consideration of fencing the front area. The necessary funds to complete the project are available from the prior year's appropriation and the contribution from Antrim and will be used for that purpose.

As authorized by the Town Meeting, the Selectmen established the necessary operating regulations for this facility recognizing that some revisions may be necessary as we gain more experience. It is the recommendation of Town Counsel that the town adopt these regulations and there is an article in the Warrant to this effect.

This project solves for both towns the problem created by the unsuitable areas of the previous dumps, the lack of adequate space for a long-term solution and the necessary arrangements so that we can conform to both new and coming legislation which will more closely control the disposal of waste. We have been particularly pleased at the very fine spirit of cooperation and good faith in negotiations which has been shown by representatives of Antrim in setting up this project and we are firmly convinced it represents a practical and long-term solution suitable for both towns. In addition, there has been interest expressed in this project by other surrounding communities and it is possible that they may wish to join us.

REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Board and the Selectmen have been conscious for a long time that the need for Regional Planning would not only be growing but would also be pushed very strongly by both the State and Federal Government. Many of the Federal programs for assistance to towns and cities are requiring the concurrence and approval of a Regional Planning Commission as a prerequisite to the Federal Aid. The State has established the boundaries for planning districts throughout the State and while we might well quarrel with the boundaries of some of these districts, it could well be that we and the other communities of this area may have to accept this in order to qualify for future aid.

We have included in the Warrant this year, as have other towns in this particular area, a request for authority to join a prescribed Regional Planning District in the event that this project develops sufficient interest and backing in this particular area. There will be no request for an appropriation at this time but sometime in the future, if a majority of the towns within the prescribed district vote to participate in such a Planning

Commission, it is probable that there will be a cost which will have to be shared by all the towns.

REGIONAL AMBULANCE SERVICE:

The State passed legislation in 1971 which will bring about substantial changes in both the requirements and the availability of ambulance service in this area. If this legislation is not revised or repealed prior to its effective date of September 1st, many of the ambulance services in the area will discontinue. The legislation provided for the formation of town groups who could jointly establish ambulance services that are required by the area.

There have been and there continues to be meetings on this particular subject and what may be proposed and required we cannot tell at this time. We are including in the Warrant an article on this subject and we will probably ask that it be carried over to a Postponed Town Meeting. Then, if it should develop that ambulance service will end for this community on September 1st, there will be the necessary legal basis to recommend further action for the protection of the community.

The arrangements that the Bennington Fire Department has made to assist in the support of the Hillsboro Rescue Squad deserve the total support of the community. They will be on call for any rescue or emergency work but, being a volunteer group, it is understandable that they do not feel they can cover the total requirements for ambulance service.

ORDINANCE RELATED TO FARM ANIMALS:

At the last Town Meeting the townspeople voted to have the Moderator appoint a special committee who, together with the Selectmen, would review and make a recommendation related to an ordinance as to the housing of farm animals within the constricted areas of the town. With the advice and assistance of Town Counsel, we understand that that committee will bring in a recommended ordinance. We also understand that it is being provided that appeals for exceptions from this ordinance would be handled by the Board of Adjustment which is an integral part of the Planning Board and Subdivision establishment.

The following is the ordinance as proposed by that committee:

No person shall keep or maintain poultry, farm or other animals of any kind, except cats and dogs kept or maintained for domestic purposes only, unless a suitable pen, building, stable, or barn for such animals or poultry shall be erected or maintained more than 50 feet from any abutting lot line and more than 50 feet from any highway.

Any person aggrieved by the requirements of this ordinance may appeal to the Board of Adjustment and said Board shall

have the same powers to grant variances from the provisions of this ordinance as are granted in New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated 31:72.

The Board of Adjustment is empowered to grant special exceptions provided that

1. the poultry or animals to be kept or maintained on the premises are not expected to cause noxious odors or create excessive noise, and

2. provided that the dwellings and lots of abutting owners are located so that the maintenance of poultry or animals will not cause a nuisance to such abutters.

Whoever shall violate the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to fine in the amount of \$10.00. Each day that said violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

the anniversary of a disaster that devastated large areas of northern New England leaving villages in ashes with rows of cellarholes and chimneys in a number of summer vacation home locations. Many lives were lost on that destructive day of October 23, 1947 as nothing could stop the wind-driven flames.

It is true that such conditions are unusual for New Hampshire but they happened once, they can happen again. The fuel for fires is all around us. All it takes is a firebrand. Only by cultivating a habit of carefulness with fire at all times can we meet the challenge of protection when dry conditions prevail. Please let these reminders be your guide:

1. Never, either when walking, riding or driving, discard a firebrand — a lighted match or a glowing cigarette.
2. Always obtain a permit for any outside burning. The burning of household rubbish is not permitted if your town has rubbish collection. Burning of grass or garden litter can be dangerous. See your warden first.
3. If you camp or picnic, be sure open fires are allowed and if they are, put them dead out when leaving.
4. Most Important — Instruct your children in the danger of the lighted match. A lighted match and dry grass or forest litter is a dangerous combination which leads to destructive loss and can lead to tragedy.

The past year — 1971, was a favorable year for the control of fires. There were too many fire starts in some towns. We thank those who remembered and ask others to heed Smokey's message.

Number of fires reported and acres burned — 1971 season:

State: 463 fires, 160 acres; District: 82 fires, 27 and three-quarter acres; plus 2 R.R. fires and one-quarter acre.

BENNINGTON RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Bennington Recreation Committee is happy to report a most successful and productive year. Our activities this last year included a pre-teen dance, basketball, swimming lessons, summer recreation at the ball park, a float at the Greenfield Whing Ding, Old Home Night, Halloween hayride and costume parade, Crafts-Reation program for our senior citizens, skating rink, and a weekly recreation program at the Firemen's Hall.

Most of our time and energy was spent coordinating our summer program and getting ready for our Old Home Night Fair. Both these activities involved a great deal of preparation and participation.

After interviewing approximately ten applicants, we made our selections for lifeguard (Judy LaFortune — Dublin, N.H.)

and summer recreation director (Sue Temple — Bedford, N.H.). Judy's program included swimming lessons for about sixty Bennington youngsters, ages 5 to 14. We worked with the Selectmen all summer and with their help made several improvements at the beach, such as installing clothes hooks and toilet seats, and repairing the raft, benches and bathhouse. We also had an extensive litter crusade at the beach all summer long, which we hope, with the cooperation of the public, will continue this summer.

Sue's program at the ballpark included arts and crafts, sporting events, games and relays, and special days such as Costume Day, our Bicycle Rodeo, hiking, picnics and, of course, our float at the Greenfield Whing Ding, where we won second prize in the originality category.

One of our favorite projects this year was our Old Home Night Fair at the school grounds. Despite the chilly weather, everyone seemed to enjoy the Con-Val Band, our food, white elephant, fancy work and grab bags tables, and of course the game tables and basketball shoot. Our food table, raffle and balloons went well also. We are already pondering ideas for our next Old Home Day celebration and hope that even more will be able to attend this year.

The Crafts-Reation program for our senior adults is a huge success, especially since it offers not only arts and crafts projects, but also brings our senior citizens together for a day of stimulating conversation.

With the money we have raised we have supported all our projects, purchased a portable basketball net, a snorkel set, a volleyball, arts and crafts material and an equipment storage box.

Our hopes are that 1972 will be as successful as our last year. This can only happen if we unite as a community and work together for one goal: wholesome, educational and worthwhile activities for all our Bennington youngsters. We would like to take this opportunity to extend our thanks to all parents and friends who have helped in any way towards our various activities. We owe a special thanks to the teachers at Pierce School, to Dot and Paul Traxler and to the Bennington Selectmen. To everyone — we deeply appreciate your time, concern and support.

Nancy Cuddemi

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Name of Child	Sex	Cond.	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Color	Residence of Parents	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
1971										
Jan. 14	Peterborough	James D. Beauchemin	M	L	Robert F. Beauchemin	Jill M. Coolaw	W	Bennington	New York	New York
Feb. 10	Peterborough	Amy Lynne Lyons	F	L	Raymond F. Lyons	Roberta Sippelle	W	Bennington	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
April 8	Peterborough	Jason Edward Brooks	M	L	David H. Brooks	Julie A. Grant	W	Bennington	New Hampshire	New Hampshire
July 13	Peterborough	Lisa Christine Ellis	F	L	Robert D. Ellis	Barbara J. Roy	W	Bennington	Michigan	New York
Aug. 16	Peterborough	Shane William Mulliner	M	L	William A. Mulliner	Anna M. Normandin	W	Bennington	Connecticut	New Hampshire
Oct. 10	Peterborough	Angela Mae Swett	F	L	Fred C. Swett	Ruth A. Meeken	W	Bennington	New Hampshire	Massachusetts

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

Marriages Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Date of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Residence of Marriage	Place of Birth of Each	Names of Parents	Birthplace	Name and Residence of Persons by Whom Married
1971						
Jan. 15	Russell Edwin Young, Sr. Virginia Lydia Sargent	Jaffrey Bennington	Maine New Hampshire	Lester E. Young Christie Damren Oliva Mattila	Maine Maine New Hampshire	Rev. William J. Clark Minister Antrim
Jan. 30	Terry Clayton Jarest Shelley Rae Griswold	Peterborough Bennington	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Helen S. Hendrickson Clayton Jarest Sally Beauvais James W. Griswold, Sr.	New Hampshire New Hampshire Massachusetts New Hampshire	William J. Clark, Jr. Lay Minister Bennington
April 3	Philip Glendon Cottle Constance Ann Cuddemi	Antrim Bennington	Massachusetts New Hampshire	Evelyn Rockwell Gorham J. Cottle Eleanor Desroches Albert Cuddemi	Maine Rhode Island Massachusetts Massachusetts	Rev. Samuel J. Hewitt Catholic Priest Bennington
May 1	Dana James Robertson Doreen Amelia Day	Bennington Bennington	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Beatrice LaPointe Harlan Robertson Verna Davidson	New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire	Rev. Richard Allen Day Minister Peterborough
May 15	Jeffory A. Oxford Donna May Clough	Hillsboro Bennington	New Hampshire Mississippi New Hampshire	Roland J. Day Frieda Schmidt Raymond H. Oxford Norma J. Mourning	New Hampshire New Hampshire Oklahoma Washington	Rev. Ward H. Crawford Minister Manchester
July 2	Dennis Gordon Reed Patti Ann Bennett	Peterborough Bennington	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Donald M. Clough Doris A. Emery George E. Reed Eunice M. Holt	New Hampshire New Hampshire Massachusetts Vermont	Forrest F. Johnson Clergyman Peterborough
July 3	Thomas Edward Nazer	Henniker	New Hampshire	Everett Bennett Eleanor M. Paige John D. Nazer	New Hampshire New Hampshire New Hampshire	Rev. Leo A. Plante

July 17	Deborah Irene Mercier	Bennington	California	Dora LaFay Paul W. Mercier Edna Paige	New Hampshire New Hampshire	Catholic Priest Hillsboro
	Leon Howard Courser	Bennington	Vermont	Harold Courser	Vermont	Rev. Harold Religious Officer Meredith
July 17	Antholette Ann Amabile	Bennington	New Hampshire	Ruby Story	New Hampshire	
	Garry Paul Willis	Hull, Mass	Massachusetts	Margaret Berry Frank L. Willis	New Hampshire Washington	Mrs. Barbara A. Huntley Justice of the Peace Bennington
July 26	Jacqueline Lee Kapp	Springfield, Mass.	Indiana	Veneta Durpee	Canada	
	John Albert Cosentino	Gardner, Mass.	Massachusetts	Arthur J. Kapp Shareleen Doughlin	Massachusetts Indiana	Mrs. Barbara A. Huntley Justice of the Peace Bennington
August 28	Margy Frances Nyman	Baldwinsville, Mass.	Connecticut	William P. Cosentino Nellie Betty	Massachusetts New Jersey	
	Daniel Anthony Barrett	Hillsboro	New Hampshire	Frances Nau	New York	William J. Clark, Rev. Minister Antrim
Sept. 11	Marsha Ann Clough	Bennington	New Hampshire	Herman Barrett Anna Zeludancz	New Hampshire New Hampshire	
	Walter Thomas Levesque	Bennington	New Hampshire	Donald Clough Doris Emery	New Hampshire New Hampshire	William J. Clark, Rev. Minister Antrim
Sept. 24	Joy Edith Craig	Antrim	Massachusetts	Wilfred J. Levesque Laura Sylvestor	New Hampshire New Hampshire	
	Larry Joseph Cook	Bennington	New Hampshire	Clark A. Craig, Sr. Sue Knight	Nova Scotia Massachusetts	Rev. William J. Clark Minister Antrim
	Susan Elizabeth Russell	Hancock	New Hampshire	Charles W. Cook, Jr. Isabelle Sweeney	New Hampshire New Hampshire	
				Frederick E. Russell Gertrude Smith	New Hampshire New Hampshire	

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DONALD A. POWERS, Town Clerk

Deaths Registered in the Town of Bennington, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1971

Date of Death	Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Age	Place of Birth	Sex	Cond.	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1971									
Feb. 13	Bennington	Gerald David Geddes	81	Maine	M	W	Retired Milkman	Charles Geddes	Lillian M. Ward
Mar. 5	Peterborough	Thomas M. Coughlin	72	New Hampshire	M	W	Postal Clerk	James Coughlin	Mary A. Harrington
Mar. 22	Goffstown	Mary Edes	78	New Hampshire	F	W	Unemployed	Charles Richardson	Kate Clarke
April 22	Peterborough	Joseph Fred Hugron	91	Canada	M	W	Retired	Joseph F. Hugron	Unknown
May 20	Manchester	Bernice M. McGrath	63	New Hampshire	F	W	Store Clerk	Guy C. Strickland	Della M. Marcotte
June 12	Millford	Bertha Jane Hamm	91	Massachusetts	F	W	Housewife	Edward P. Collin	Elizabeth P. Sawyer
June 19	Peterborough	William James Taylor	75	New Hampshire	M	W	Farmer-Retired	Frank A. Taylor	Margaret A. —
Aug. 30	Peterborough	Grace (Cater) Sargent	68	New Hampshire	F	W	Housewife	Richard Cater	Catherine Murphy
Oct. 22	Peterborough	Roland H. Hutchinson, Sr.	70	New Hampshire	M	W	Retired	Dennis T. Hutchinson	Theresa Dorman
Oct. 30	Manchester	Roger Edward Bulkeley, Sr.	55	Massachusetts	M	W	Machineist	Arthur G. Bulkeley	Eva May Davenport
Nov. 11	Peterborough	Paul Charles Daley	62	Massachusetts	M	W	Prop. Groc. Store	Charles H. Daly	Elizabeth R. Coughlan

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